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DR. W. V. HOUSTON
Scientific Consultant

Dr William V. Houston Missiles Probe Adviser

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WASHINGTON—Dr. William V. Houston, president of the Rice Institute, Friday was named as one of the two scientific consultants to the Senate preparedness subcommittee during its widely heralded investigation of the U.S. missile and satellite program.

Senate Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson, chairman of the subcommittee which will open its hearings before television cameras here Monday, announced the appointment of Dr. Houston and Dr. Homer J. Stewart, aeronautics professor and jet propulsion authority of the California Institute of Technology, as technical consultants to the subcommittee. Dr. Houston formerly was a physics professor at Cal Tech.

Dr. Houston will arrive in Washington Saturday to assume his duties, Johnson said.

THE TWO EXPERTS will be paid \$46 a day as consultants, the top pay allowed for such work for a congressional committee.

Both Dr. Houston and Dr. Stewart will be available to members of the subcommittee and its staff for consultation on technical scientific matters during times when there are no hearings, it was said.

The hearings will open Monday with testimony by Gen.

James Doolittle, hero of the first Tokyo bombing and four distinguished scientists, including Dr. Edward Teller, father of the hydrogen bomb and Dr. Vannevar Bush, who has made many scientific contributions to the government; Dr. John P. Hagen, head of the vanguard project; and John Chipman, who has just returned from a visit to Russia where he became acquainted with some aspects of Soviet research.

DURING THE hearings which will run through Wednesday before recessing until Dec 13, the subcommittee will also hear Secretary of Defense Neil McElroy; Deputy Defense Secretary Donald Quarles; Allen Dulles, head of the Central Intelligence Agency, and William Holaday, head of the defense department's missile program.

The hearings will follow hard on the heels of a joint call by Johnson and Sen Styles Bridges, R-NH, for a faster missile program.

"Information available to us," said Johnson, "indicates clearly that our present target dates are far too modest and not adequate to the needs of the nation."

Sen Bridges concurred. JOHNSON SAID his investigation of American progress in the

missile program will determine the state of the nation's defense. We are seeking methods of stepping up the target dates of achievement in the missile program.

Bridges, senior GOP member of the subcommittee, added that a speedup would be the principle objective of the inquiry.

Budgetary considerations will be taken into account and a study will be made of the effect of interservice rivalry on U.S. missile progress.

DR. STEWART the probeers will find a mine of information. He has been chief of Cal Tech's research analysis jet propulsion laboratory since 1945, a member of the scientific advisory board of the Air Force since 1949 and has served as chairman of the government's research and development board. He is a professor of aeronautics at Cal Tech.

Dr. Houston and Dr. Stewart will not have to remain in Washington all of the time until the subcommittee completes its work. They will be called in as they are needed.

Dr. William V. Houston, president of the Rice Institute since 1946 and a distinguished physicist, said Friday that he will go to Washington Saturday to serve as a scientific consultant to U. S. Sen Lyndon B. Johnson and the senatorial committee investigating the missile-satellite program.

Dr. Houston said that, although his duties had not yet been outlined to him clearly, he understood that he was to serve in a general advisory capacity to Sen Johnson and the committee on scientific matters.

HE SAID THAT he will serve on a part-time basis and that he will spend such time in Washington as is necessary. He does not anticipate that there will be any interference with his work as president of the Rice Institute.

"The staff will carry on as they do during my other absences," he said.

Dr. Houston became president of the Rice Institute on March 1, 1946. He came to Rice from the California Institute of Technology where he had been a

physicist. During World War II, he was associated with the Office of Scientific Research and Development, working on anti-submarine devices and torpedo design.

IN 1954, President Eisenhower nominated him as a member of the National Science Board of the National Science Foundation, an agency created by Congress to promote science, particularly research, in the national interest. His term continues until 1960.

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